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Indiana State Fair Commission Mission Statement:

To preserve and enhance the Fairgrounds and the annual State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana.

Vision: To be a premier year-round gathering place that maximizes its resources to host a wide range of diverse activities. To be recognized as the best State Fair in the country, showcasing agriculture & youth in an educational and entertaining environment.

We Believe In:

- Agriculture as our foundation
- Operating in a safe and fiscally conscious manner
- Investing in our customers, our personnel, and our facilities
- Striving toward a more self-sufficient financial model
- Building family memories and traditions for future generations
- Responsible stewardship of this historic and treasured state institution
- Constant innovation and dynamic, relevant presentations

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Letter from our Director

Spring is Here!

FINALLY! We made it through a long, snowy winter again just in time to celebrate the warm weather. Despite the weather, the Fairgrounds has been extremely busy as we round out our big show season.

The Flower & Patio Show had one of the biggest turnouts it's ever had,



and there are other signs the economy is coming back. Consumers are interested again in trying new activities, which is wonderful news for us.

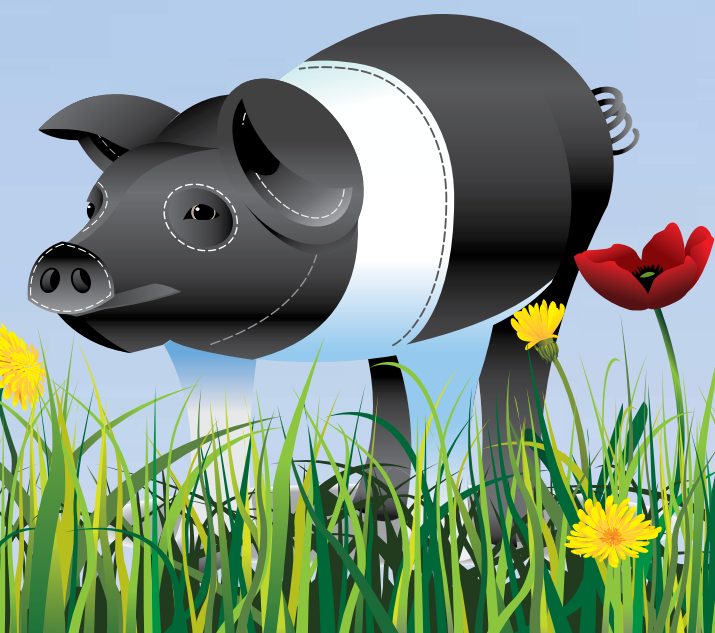
The staff continues to stay busy right through April, May and June with the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo, Naptown Roller Derby, Mecum Car Auction, Hoosier Hundred and many other events... never a dull moment!

Plans for the 2010 Indiana State Fair are shaping up. Take a look at the "What's New" list in this issue to give you a sneak peek at some of the fun and entertaining programming already in place. We are very proud to be working side by side with the Indiana Pork Producers this year as we celebrate the "Year of Pigs." As one of the largest agricultural industries in our state, Indiana Pork Farmers will be honored each and every day with delicious pork concessions and fun activities.

As always, log onto our Web site, www.indianastatefair.com, for a complete listing of both State Fair and Fairgrounds' activities!

My best to all of you,

Cynthia C. Hoye
Executive Director
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Hidden Treasures at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

N O R T H E A S T

Here is our next installment of Hidden Treasures at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. This time we're focusing on the northeast side of the Fairgrounds, which consists of many picturesque areas - from the Normandy Barn to the Pathway to Water Quality exhibit.

Come on out - on foot, bike, or car and discover all the Hidden Treasures at the Indiana State Fairgrounds! Happy Hunting!



Greenhouse

Check out all the work being done in the Greenhouse - a brand new aquaponics system is in place. Aquaponics is the cultivation of plants and aquatic animals (in our case, fish) in a recirculating environment. The results are extremely nutrient-rich, hearty, healthy plants. Come see for yourself!



Wind Turbine

Ever wondered what those White County wind turbines you see from I-65 looked like up close? Well come on over and see for yourself. This tall structure produces 5Kw of electricity an hour - enough to power our misting fans and sidewalk lights during those hot summer Fair nights!



Normandy Barn

Wondering where to hold a large family banquet, party, or wedding reception? Look no further than this magnificent 1930s era dairy barn. The 400 sq. foot space upstairs seats 150 comfortably. The first floor houses a unique exhibit on Indiana agriculture.



Pathway to Water Quality

The lovely Pathway to Water Quality exhibit is peaceful even during the Great Indiana State Fair - imagine how tranquil it is on the other days! Come take a stroll in this magical area just northeast of the horse stables. Also, the first stop on the Trail of Trees is located inside the exhibit. Pick up a map in the Admin. Building to get started!



Mini Indy Speedway

Did you know there is a quarter midget racing league and track right here on the grounds? Well, you do now! Mini Indy Speedway offers kids ages 5-16 the opportunity to join the league and race competitively. Check out www.mini-indy.org for more information!





By Andy Klotz

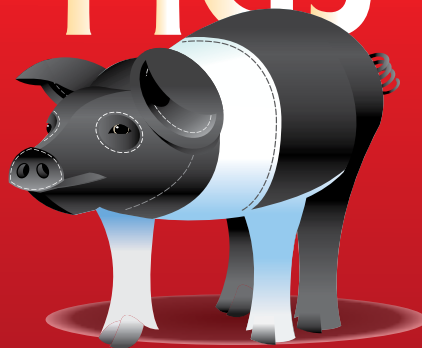
Mark York had a dream. When he graduated from Purdue University, he wanted to raise pork and provide jobs in his native Indiana. And that's exactly what he's done for the past 15 years.

He and his wife, Chris, run Riverbend Farms in Roann, Ind., where they produce about 25,000 hogs each year. They are one of Indiana's 3,000 pork farming families that help make Indiana the fifth largest pork producing state in the country. These family farms marketed roughly 8 million pigs last year and annually contribute \$3 billion to the state's economy. Many of these families, however, are finding it harder and harder to stay in business as the industry suffers through one of the worst markets it has ever seen.

"It's tough," York said. "There will be a lot of consolidating going on. Some producers won't be around in another year."

The industry is dealing with what has been called the "perfect storm" of economic fac-

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tors: global recession, record high feed prices (corn and soybeans) and the misperception that pigs can pass on the H1N1 virus, originally called swine flu, to humans. Foreign exports are down dramatically, and some coun-

As a proud sponsor of the 2010 Indiana State Fair, Indiana Pork Producers is able to tell the complete story of producing pork through ingenious and innovative farming techniques always dedicated to the highest quality of products for all Hoosiers.



tries have banned U.S. pork products altogether.

That's where the Indiana State Fair comes in. For the fourth consecutive year, the fair will feature one of the state's important agricultural products, and 2010 will be the "Year of Pigs" presented by Indiana Pork Farmers.

"Indiana's pork farmers recognize this unique opportunity to directly connect with consumers at the State Fair, and are excited about sharing with them the truly impressive story of producing pork in our state," Mike Platt, executive director for the Indiana Pork Producers, said. "It's a story of innovation, ingenuity, strong family values, commitment to quality and dedication in the service of our fellow Hoosiers."

Indiana Pork Producers will have much greater visibility at the fair than in years past through numerous events, exhibits and displays focusing on hogs and pork products.

"This is very exciting," York said. "This will put pork in Indiana into the limelight and show many people that our industry plays a large economic role in Indiana."

Look for these special events that will take place over the Fair, Aug. 6-22:

- Celebrity hog calling contest
- Celebrity swine showmanship contest
- Pork barbecue contest
- World's Largest Boar contest
- Sow & Litter contest
- Indiana State Fair Signature Food contest featuring pork



SEE WHAT'S NEW!

By Andy Klotz

The really great thing about the Great Indiana State Fair is that it has all the wonderful things you come to see year after year – farm animals, midway rides, food! – but somehow it still seems like it's new. That's because there is something new each year; in fact, there are many new features.

Here's a quick look at some of the new exhibits, contests and events you should be looking for when you visit this year's State Fair:

★ "Bridge to Japan" Exhibit

Created in partnership with the Japan-American Society of Indiana and Indiana Economic Development Commission, this exhibit will present both traditional and contemporary Japan and the close ties the country has with Indiana.



★ "God Bless America"

Located in Celebration Park all 17 days of the fair, this 25-foot sculpture of Grant Woods' famous American Gothic portrait depicts traditional farming life and a great fun photo opportunity!

★ Boy Scout Bridge

This Boy Scouts of America Legacy Project will be a bridge of Indiana Hardwood Lumber stretching across the drive tunnel on the east side of the fairgrounds, connected to the Pathway to Water Quality in honor of the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts in 2010. The group will utilize the bridge

and encampment area year-round as a gathering site for Indiana boy scouts.

★ Habitat for Humanity Home

Watch volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis with the support of many Indiana agricultural entities construct a 5-bedroom home on the fairgrounds' north side. The home will be transported to its permanent location after the fair where it will be the home of an Indianapolis woman and her five children.



★ DockDogs

Some of the area's best canine athletes compete in Big Air Dogs, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve events all 17 days in Celebration Park.

★ Welde's Big Bears & Grizzly Falls

Come see these beautiful and intelligent animals during three shows daily in the Riley Fun Park and also watch them as they enjoy playtime in Grizzly Falls, their own private water-fall and pool.



★ Rowdy Rooster Puppet Show

Enjoy this delightful, uplifting farm-yard adventure as Rowdy Rooster takes on Diesel Weasel in the Riley Fun Park three times each day.



★ State Fair Fresh Market presented by INShape Indiana

The Ball State Ag/Hort Building features fresh salads and sandwiches made with Indiana produce throughout the fair.

★ ISF-Midway Combo Pass

You can purchase a \$25 State Fair admission and Midway ride combination pass at all Indiana



Walmarts from June – Aug. 5 for the first time. That's an \$8 savings!

★ American Horseshoe Pitching Association

The Riley Fun Park will have a designated horseshoe pitching area for families to take part in this traditional summer pastime.



Keep checking indianastatefair.com for more up-to-date information for all events. The 2010 Indiana State Fair runs August 6 – 22.



Home Sweet Home

By Andy Klotz

The Indiana State Fair provides special memories for Hoosiers every year, but Tamika Allen is about to make a fair memory that nobody else has ever had. The Indianapolis woman is going to have her home built at the fair this August.

"It doesn't even seem real," she said.



Tamika Allen poses with her family
Above: A model of Habitat for Humanity's
five bedroom, two bathroom home

Allen, 27, and her five children currently live in a three bedroom apartment on Indianapolis' West Side, so thinking about moving into a brand new five bedroom, two bathroom home can make her a bit emotional.

"I can't even imagine walking in," she said. "The kids are excited... and ready. I'm excited to be able to put money toward something that will be mine (rather than renting). It's such a great deal."

The deal is possible because of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis, which provides safe, affordable housing for needy, hardworking people through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials. The local affiliate of the international organization has built more than 370 homes since its inception in 1987. This home, however, will be the first one ever built in one location and then transported to its permanent site.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to not only provide a great new home for a deserving family, but also to expose this project and our mission to all Hoosiers in a very personal way," said Dean Illingworth, HFHGI's executive

director. "State Fair visitors will not only get to see the house and meet Tamika and her family, but they will also see how Indiana's agriculture industry is giving back to our community."

Specifically, seven local ag-oriented companies are showing their support through sponsorships for this project, including Allen's own employer, Kroger.

Other Indiana agriculture sponsors include:

- Beck's Superior Hybrids
- Cargill
- Dow AgroSciences LLC
- King Park CDC
- Marion County Farm Bureau
- Reynolds Farm Equipment

As for giving back, Allen already knows what that's like. She has participated in building two other Habitat homes, which is one of the requirements for being accepted into the program.

"It's good that you have to be involved in the building process for other people," she said. "I will continue to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity even after I'm in my home."

The homebuilding process began for Allen last July when she enrolled in the program and began attending classes, all while working full-time in Kroger's customer service department and raising her kids who range in age from 12 years to 11 months. She credits her extended family for helping her keep things together.

The next step is to start getting materials ordered, which will occur in April. After that, there will be a "Panel Build" where State Fair Board and staff members will get to help construct portions of the home, then site development on the Fairgrounds' north side, followed by full construction during the fair's 17-day run. Visitors will be invited to tour the home during construction.

Normally, a Habitat home is built in six weeks, but this one will be done in 15 days. Once completed, the home will then be moved to its permanent location at 2062 Bellefontaine Street in the heart of the Indianapolis, just a few blocks from Habitat's offices on East 22nd Street.

Allen has already visited the place that will eventually become her new home.

"I like the new neighborhood," she said. "And I can't wait to move in."



If you would like to learn more about volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, please visit: www.Habitat.org. Check out the Habitat for Humanity home on the Fairgrounds any time during the Fair, August 6-22!



Mecum Muscle Car Auction Brings Rare Vehicles, National Spotlight to State Fairgrounds

By Andy Klotz

May in Indianapolis means racing. But fans of fast cars no longer have to wait until the Indianapolis 500 to view – and maybe even buy – a high-powered, hand-polished racing machine.

Corvettes and Camaros, Mustangs and Mercedes... they're all part of the "Mecum Auto Auction: Muscle Cars and More" taking place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Hundreds of vehicles of all years, makes and models will be swapping hands at Dana Mecum's 23rd Annual Original Spring Auction May 19-23.

This is the third consecutive year the State Fairgrounds has hosted this international event after 20 years in Illinois. Mecum is the unequivocal leader in the industry with more muscle cars than anyone else, and

that reputation helped land a history-making television deal as the auction is televised live around the world on HD Theater, a Discovery network, in High Definition television.

"We are fortunate in that our auctions attract world-class buyers and sellers as well as world-class cars," said founder Dana Mecum. "We auction some really rare automobiles that you can't even see at most public shows, which makes it fun for buyers, sellers and casual observers."

While viewers on HD Theater can see and bid on the vehicles during the telecasts, visitors to the State Fairgrounds can preview the vehicles all day and be part of the bidding prior to the telecasts. Admission is \$20.





Brewing Partnerships at the Indiana State Fair

By Rita Kohn

Indiana State Fair and artisan brewers have been allied for a decade as co-sponsors of the Brewers' Cup Competition set annually for the second Friday and Saturday in July. From the start it equally has been a partnership between home and professional brewers,

growing into a prestigious nationwide event, with a doubling of brewers entering: 56 from the first to over 100 in 2009, and a

huge leap in beers entered, from 123 to over 800 covering 24 major categories with about 100 subcategories. Indiana's spotlight on artisanship and its agricultural heritage are the enduring connections between **craft** brewers and the ISF, particularly with brewers moving back to their sustainable roots, growing **hops** and utilizing ingredients from already established fruit and berry farms.

Further growing ISF as a micro-brewery destination place is "Winterfest" with Indiana attendees being joined by visitors from every mid-western state. "Winterfest2" on January 30, 2010 proved it's a solid annual event with winter seasonals from In-



diana's 30-plus brewpubs and breweries and from over two-dozen regional and national microbrewers. Folded into the long-range goal to establish an annual signature winter artisan event at the State Fairgrounds is the desire to showcase the high quality and wide diversity of Indiana's craft beer the weekend be-

fore the 2012 Super Bowl, as part of the larger community-wide tie-in to greater Indianapolis brewpubs and breweries.

Winterfest showcases big, bold beers known as Strong Ales, **Old Ales** and **Barleywines**. Craft beer expert Bob Mack describes Strong Ales as "intense and full of character, often tasting of toffee, caramel or biscuits." The World Class Beverage Malt Shoppe showcased the fine grain backbone used in beers meant to warm us while they are slowly sipped and enjoyed for their complexity as a myriad of flavors unfold. The Malt Shoppe tastings illustrated why and how Strong Ales pair perfectly with sporting events fare as well with sharp cheeses, crusty breads, crunchy vegetables and rich desserts served at more intimate social gatherings.

The tie-in between the heat of July and the cold of January intersects with Indiana's unique bonding between home and professional brewers and underscores ISF's commitment to artisans. The Homebrew Best of Show winner annually is brewed at Broad Ripple Brewpub where it is served on tap for the public at large. Over the decade the



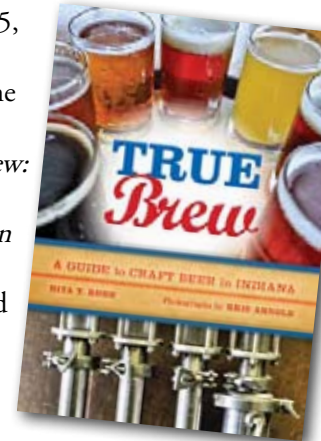
Aaron Evilsizor and Kevin Matalucci

winners have tilted toward bigger beers. Homebrewer Aaron Evilsizor's Russian Imperial Stout is a leading example. BRBP brewmaster Kevin Matalucci described it as "the biggest beer yet" made at Broad Ripple Brewpub. Big in the sense of taste because it has an alcohol level of ten percent with a full

rainbow of hues from first sip to final swallow. The process of brewing is like making drip coffee. The **mash tun** for this beer is so full of grain you have to wait for the liquid to drain, and you have to keep stirring so all the liquid is in constant contact with all the grains to capture all the flavors. The deep fruit flavors—plum, raisins, cherry—come from the malts and the esters produced during fermentation due to the English ale yeast."

Aaron took November 10, 2008 off from work to pro-am [professional-amateur] brew with Kevin. The brew aged until the end of February 2009 when it was introduced at a tapping party and paired with a menu of appetizers and entrees of winter fare and rich desserts.

A further partnership developed when ISF, B.I.G. (Brewers of Indiana Guild) and NUVO Newsweekly co-hosted the seminal Brewers Roundtable on March 15, 2008. This event became the impetus for *True Brew: A Guide to Craft Beer in Indiana*, to be published by Indiana University Press July 1, 2010.



Contributing writer, Rita Kohn, is a senior writer for NUVO Newsweekly where

her weekly "Beer Buzz" appears along with her reviews of the arts. She has also written *True Brew: A Guide to Craft Beer in Indiana*.



Buzz Words

Craft Beer: According to Craftbeer.com the quantity of beer is what defines a craft beer. A craft beer brewery must produce less than 2 million barrels of beer annually.

Hops: *The dried ripe flowers of the twining vine hop plant (*Humulus lupulus*), containing a bitter aromatic oil. They are used in the brewing industry to prevent bacterial action and add the characteristic bitter taste to beer.

Old Ales: *A term commonly applied to dark, malty beers in England, usually above 5% abv, often also called Winter Warmers. Sometimes associated with stock ale or, archaically, *keeping ale*, in which the beer is held at the brewery. American brewed old ales will tend to be of a barley wine strength.

Barleywines: *A beer style of strong ale originating in England. The first beer to be marketed as Barley Wine was Bass No. 1 Ale, around 1900. A barley wine typically reaches an alcohol strength of 8 to 12% by volume. It is called a barley wine because it can be as strong as wine; but since it is made from grain rather than fruit it is in fact a beer.

Mash Tun: A vessel used in the mashing process to convert the starches in crushed grains into sugars for fermentation.

*Source: Wikipedia.org



Judging the 2009 Brewers Cup

The Difference Shows

December

The Indiana State Fairgrounds plays host to more than 300 unique events each year. If you're looking for something different, you've found your place.

April

9-11 Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo
Indiana State Fairgrounds
Hours: Fri. 10am-8pm; Rodeo (Pepsi Coliseum) 8pm; Sat. 9am-8pm; Rodeo (Pepsi Coliseum) 8pm; Sun. 9am-5pm:
Admission: Advance Adult \$12, Youth \$4;
At Gate Adults \$15, Youth \$6; Children 6 & under Free
Information: Danielle Tolan (317) 692-7141
www.indianahorsecouncil.org



16-18 Hoosier Antiques Expo
West Pavilion
Hours: Friday 11am-7pm; Saturday 11am-6pm;
Sunday 11am-5pm
Admission: \$7; Children 12 & under Free
Shawn Hastings (618) 635-2895
www.HoosierAntiqueShows.com

17 Naptown Roller Derby
Pepsi Coliseum
Hours: Doors open 5pm; Bouts at 5:30 & 7:30pm
Admission: Advance \$12; At Door \$17;
Children under 6 Free; Military \$8 each with ID (up to 2 tickets)
Naptown Roller Girls Info Line
(317) 522-1958
www.naptownrollergirls.com

17 Eastside Reunion
Pioneer Our Land Pavilion
Hours: 7-12pm, Doors open at 6pm
Admission: Advance \$10; At the door: \$15
Velmon Davidson (317) 545-3518
www.midwestreptile.com

17 Midwest Reptile Show
Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion
Hours: Sun. 10am-4pm
Admission: \$5; Children 8 & under Free
Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599
www.midwestreptile.com

17-18 JVA Indy Juniors Classic
Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 8am-8pm
Admission: \$3
Nick VWolf (812) 230-8578

21 Indiana Apartment Association
Maintenance Mania
Ag/Hort Bldg.
Hours: 8am-5pm
Admission: Contact IAA for Admission Fees
Mary Ellen Perin (317) 816-8900
www.iaaonline.net

21-22 Indiana Industrial & Facility
Maintenance Show
Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion
Hours: Weds. & Thurs. 9am-2pm
Admission: Free to all qualified professionals;
No one under 18 allowed
Alan Krekel (636) 265-2297
www.maintenanceshows.com

24 Indy Cheer & Dance 500 National
Championship
Champions Pavilion
Hours: 10 am-5 pm
Admission: \$10; Children 5 & under Free
CCE Cheer (877) 852-4337
www.ccecheer.com

May



1-2 2010 hhgregg WFMS Country Music Expo
Toyota Blue Ribbon & Champions Pavilions
Gates open 6am
Ticket counter opens 9:30am
Event doors open at 10am
Entertainment begins at 11am
Admission: \$20
www.countrymusicexpo.com

1-2 Indiana State Wrestling Association Freestyle
& Greco-Roman State Finals
West Pavilion
Hours: Sat. Freestyle 8am-5pm; Sun. Greco-Roman 8am-3pm
Admission: \$10; Children 10 & under Free
Louis Rosbottom (317) 780-1885

4 Primary Election
Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion & Farm
Bureau Bldg.
Hours: 6am-6pm

7 Salvation Army "The Older Adult
Spring Luncheon"
Farm Bureau Bldg.
Hours: Registration 9:30am;
Luncheon 11:00am
Admission: \$5 - By Invitation Only
Judith Eagle (317) 224-2002

15 Midwest Reptile Show
Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion
Hours: 10am-4pm
Admission: \$5; Children 8 & under Free
Info: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599
www.midwestreptile.com

15-16 Golden Treasure Show
Pioneer Our Land Pavilion
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Admission: \$5; Children under 12 Free
Nancy DeFalco (951) 699-4749 Ext. 123 or
(800) 551-9707

19-23 Mecum Car Auction
Toyota Blue Ribbon, South, Champions &
West Pavilions, Toyota Expo Hall,
& Pepsi Coliseum
Hours: Weds. Doors open 9am, Auction 2pm;
Thurs.-Sun. Doors open 9am, Auction 10am
Admission: \$15; Children 12 & under Free
Mecum Auctions (815) 568-8888



22-23 Spirit Fayre
Grand Hall
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10am-6pm
Admission: \$7 per day; \$10 for weekend
Sky Wilson (317) 694-3864
or info@fayrelady.com
www.spiritfayre.com

28 Hoosier Hundred
Hoosier Lottery Grandstand & Track
Hours: Begins at 8pm
Admission: Advance \$25; Day of \$30
Robert D. Sargent (217) 765-3200



28-29 NARM Show
Pioneer Our Land Pavilion
Hours: Sat. 2-8pm; Sun. 9:30am-5pm
Admission: Sat. \$10; Sun. \$7; Children 7-14
\$3; 6 & under Free
Bill Daniels & John Douglas
(765) 482-7000 Ext. 104

June

2-5 Indianapolis Charity Horse Show
Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion, West Pavilion &
South Pavilion
Hours: Morning session 10 am;
Evening session 6:30 pm
Admission: Free
Info: Phyllis Harris (317) 336-7569
www.indycharityhs.org
To benefit:



4-6 Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show
Toyota Exposition Hall
Hours: Fri. 2-8pm; Sat. 8am-6pm;
Sun. 9am-4pm
Dan Masters (405) 340-1333
www.indy1500.com

5 IFT (It's Fashion Time) Presented by
DLANG Fashions
Farm Bureau Bldg.
Hours: Workshops 11am-4pm (Pre-register
online); VIP Reception 7pm;
Doors Open 8pm; Show 8:30 pm
Admission: VIP \$25; General Admission \$15;
Discount available
Info: Denisha Ferguson (317) 809-6066
www.iftweek.com

5 Midwest Reptile Show
Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion
Hours: Sun. 10 am-4 pm
Admission: \$5; Children 8 & under Free
Info: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599
www.midwestreptile.com



5-6 Midwest Coin Shows & Auction
Grand Hall
Hours: Sat 10 am-5 pm; Sun 10 am-4 pm;
Auction Coin Viewing: 10 am- 1pm;
Auction: 1 pm
Admission: Adults \$5 (\$2 discount coupon
at http://www.flyergroup.coupon-city.com);
Children 12 & under Free
Midwest Coin Shows (317) 539-2895
www.midwestcoinshowsandauction.com

19 IMTA Indiana Truck Driving & Technician
Championships
Ag/Hort Bldg. & Midway Lot
Hours: 8 am - 5 pm
Admission: Free
Info: Tisha Terry (317) 630-4682

23-27 Region 13 All Arabian Horse Show
Pepsi Coliseum, West & South Pavilions &
Outside Arena
Hours: Weds. - Sat. 8 am-10 pm;
Sun. 8 am-4 pm
Admission: Free
Info: Jan Decker (317) 861-4814
www.region13.net



-BLOG-

Function: noun

Etymology: short for Weblog

Definition: a Web site that contains an online journal with reflections, comments, and often hyperlinks provided by the writer; also: the contents of such a site

Now that you know what a blog is - check out the new "Blue Ribbon Blog" which will be a forum for everything happening at the fairgrounds, including the State Fair. Simply visit:



instatefair.blogspot.com
and click "Follow". It's that easy - everytime a new blog is written about the Indiana State Fairgrounds, you will be the first to know!